Opening of sale depots for ghee and butter produced by NDRI, Karnal

2255. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal produces ghee and butter and paneer from cow milk;

(b) whether Government propose to open any sale depots in Delhi particularly in Parliament premises; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE)SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Economically backward tribal areas in Maharashtra

2256. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tribal areas in Maharashtra are economically very backward;

(b) whether any scheme has been worked out to start development work in these areas;

(c) whether the recently constituted high level committee has made any recommendations to develop Gadchiroli which has been a victim of Government apathy; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tribal sub-plan is being implemented in these areas.

(c) and (d) No Government Committee has been constituted recently for Gadchiroli district. A Special Action Plan for the speedy development of Gadchiroli district has been sanctioned. It envisages an investment of Rs. 134.30 crores during a period of four years. This is monitored by a District Level Committee, headed by the Minister of the District, and at the State level by a Committee headed by the Chief Minister.

More passenger trains in Maharashtra and Southern States

2257. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing need of passenger trains in Maharashtra and Southern States;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce more passenger trains; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Introduction of additional passenger carrying trains is a continuous process keeping in view the traffic requirements but subject to operational feasibility and resource availability.

Night shelters in Delhi

2258. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the conditions of night shelters in Delhi are deteriorating and proper facilities are not being provided to the inmates;

(b) if so, the details of the night shelters operating the capital and their capacity;

(c) whether Government propose to construct night shelters in the major cities all over the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the cities in which these shelters would be constructed during the next one years?